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Provision Company, from which he retired at the age of 80. He served on many commissions and boards, including Dillon Lions Club, Masons, Boy Scouts of America, St. Eugene Community Hospital, Dillon County Cotillion Club, Community Bank and First Bank. He also provided support for the start-up of several successful businesses in Dillon County.

**Herbert T. Welch** '51, July 9, Cedar Springs, Mich. He entered the U.S. Air Force in 1951, was commissioned a first lieutenant through Officer Candidate School, and went on to be stationed in Missouri, Texas, Michigan and Canada. He was discharged in 1957 and began teaching English at Cedar Springs High School, retiring in 1992. He was active in a variety of civic organizations, including the Cedar Springs Community Players (as an actor and director). He organized two community trips a year to the Shakespeare Festival Theatre in Stratford, Canada.

**Cora Lawton Gray**, M.A. '52, August 31, Anderson, S.C. She was an educator for 40 years in Greenville and Anderson counties.

**Michael L. McGee** '52, August 25, Spartanburg, S.C. He was ordained into the ministry in 1952 and received his Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1955. He was a full-time pastor for 45 years with seven Baptist churches. After retiring in 1996 he continued to serve as interim and supply pastor. He was pastor emeritus at Morningside Baptist Church in Spartanburg, where he served as the homebound visitation coordinator. He was a volunteer with Mobile Meals of Spartanburg and coordinated the chaplaincy program at St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic for 12 years.

**Rachel Haymore Pruitt** '52, February 26, Royston, Ga. She was a teacher.

**Walter Leslie Brown** '54, May 22, Miami, Fla. Les was head of the Dade County Building and Zoning Department and was retired from the U.S. Army as a major.

**Lillian Louise Marcum** '54, July 27, Walhalla, S.C. Louise earned her graduate degree in library science from Louisiana State University and then became director of the Oconee County (S.C.) Library. She also taught in Anderson County and in Oconee County. A talented artist, she was a member of the Pilot Club and the Blue Ridge Art Association and was a volunteer with the Oconee County Library Association, the Red Cross Disaster Team, March of Dimes, Special Olympics and Voter Registration Board.

**Jo Anne Holland Shaw** '54, July 19, West Columbia, S.C. She began her career in Great Falls, S.C., where she taught English and French for two years. She also served as organist for Mount Dearborn United Methodist Church. She then taught at Dentsville and Spring Valley high schools in Columbia, retiring after 30 years. She was a former member of the Lexington County Family and Community Leaders.

**Annah Berry Guest Suko** '55, July 30, Reston, Va. She taught elementary school in Orangeburg, S.C., and Redmond, Wash. She was an accomplished pianist, church organist and singer, and was a published poet. She was a member of the American Association of University Women and Daughters of the American Revolution.

**William L. Brown** '56, July 24, North Augusta, S.C. He was a pastor for 52 years with churches in South Carolina and Georgia. While pastoring Broad Street Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga., he started a chapter of Disaster Relief.

**John C. DuBose, Jr.** '56, August 27, North Myrtle Beach, S.C. After serving in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers he was employed by Hamilton Beach, from which he retired as manager. He was also a successful Little League baseball coach in Hartsville, S.C.

**James A. Norris** '56, August 11, Williamston, S.C. He served in the National Guard and was retired from the U.S. Postal Service, where he was a supervisor. He was minister of Trinity Baptist Church in Williamston for 43 years.

## IN TRIBUTE: LINDSAY SMITH

**WHEN LINDSAY SMITH** retired from Furman in 1986 after 38 years as university organist and professor of music, a colleague described him as "the kind of person and teacher who makes us all want to do a better job."



Upon his death October 2 at the age of 96, friends and colleagues offered similar sentiments while emphasizing his enduring influence on the music department.

A native of Greenville and a 1937 Furman graduate, Smith returned to alma mater in 1948, having earned graduate degrees from Union Theological Seminary and pursued additional study at Eastman School of Music. During his years as department chair from 1961–72 the number of music majors more than doubled, and the university's Bachelor of Music program was approved by the National Association of Schools of Music. He was also a major contributor to the design of the Homozel Mickel Daniel Music Building and the Holtkamp organ in McAlister Auditorium.

Through the years Smith worked with hundreds of Furman students, many of whom went on to leading graduate programs and to careers in organ performance and church music. One is Tim Smith '84, director of music and organist at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Scranton, Pa. He held the same positions for many years at New York's famed Riverside Church.

Tim writes, "What can you say about a teacher who gave you the technical foundation upon which so many of your future musical endeavors and opportunities would be built? What words can encompass such a gift?"

"He was a gentleman and a gentle man. Kind and caring, he expected hard work because he believed you were capable of it. He was a serious musician, but he had a wry sense of humor. He was a treasure to me, and to Furman."

In addition to his talents as a teacher and administrator, Lindsay Smith was an accomplished performer who presented recitals throughout the United States and abroad. He held church positions for 18 years at Greenville's Christ Church Episcopal and 25 years at Trinity Lutheran. He was a fellow of the American Guild of Organists and was frequently asked to consult with area churches on the design and acquisition of new organs.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, who joined the music faculty the same year as her husband and married him the next year; son Lindsay IV '74; daughter Elizabeth Reed Smith; and two grandsons. Memorials: American Guild of Organists, 10 N. Church St., Greenville, S.C. 29601, or Furman music department, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, S.C. 29613.

— JIM STEWART